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The following remarks are submitted in response to the second non-final Office Action dated September 4, 2003 in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on November 9, 2001 with claims 1-17. Claims 1-17 remain pending. Claims 1, 16 and 17 are the independent claims.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the remarks below.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, on the grounds that independent claims 1, 16 and 17: (i) allegedly “fail to recite the structural relationship between the current generator circuit, the input stage, the output stage and the output indicator,” and (ii) allegedly do not make clear “what the output load detection circuit is used to detect.” Applicant respectfully traverses the §112 rejection.